MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): I wish to know whether in the opinion of the Government picketting is wrong or not?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The opinion of the Government on a general question cannot be given in answer to a question relating to a particular case of picketting.

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): I must know what exactly my position would be with regard to that, as to-morrow I myself may have to do this. It is in the public interest that I have put the question as I do not want to transgress the bounds of law.

PRESIDENT: Mr. A. K. Pillai, you are not merely going along the line of legitimate supplementary questioning, but you are expecting the Chief Secretary to expound the law to you and be your legal adviser. I think he cannot be your legal adviser.

Statement, by Castes, of Officers on Rs. 50 and above in the Medical Department.

144. **MR. M. N. PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by castes, of officers in the Medical Department drawing a salary of Rs. 50 and above?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

I. Hindus.	
1. Brahmins (Malayala)	1
2. Do. (others)	13
3. Kshatriya (Malayala)	1
4. Nayars	30
5. Vellalas	5
6. Ezhavas	5
7. Other Hindus	3
II. Mussalmans.	Nil
III. Christians.	
1. Protestants	21
2. Roman Catholics—Latin	16
3. *Syrians.*	
(*a*) Jacobites	8
(*b*) Mar Thoma	17
(*c*) Roman Catholic Syrians	Nil
IV. Others.	Nil

Prescription of Text-Books for Schools.

115. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the prescription of text-books out of the books approved by the Text-Book Committee is vested in the Director of Public Instruction and whether a list of the books so prescribed is sent to the Government for information;

(*b*) whether there has been any instance during the previous years when the list so sent has been modified by the Government;

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(*c*) whether the Director had, as usual, sent this year the list of prescribed books to the Government Press for publication in the *Government Gazette* and whether the Dewan sent urgent orders from Ponmudi to stay publication of the list;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that the Dewan subsequently asked the Director to revise the list as the Dewan wanted and whether the list published in the *Government Gazette* was not the list so revised;

(*e*) whether it is a fact that, while in the first list of the Director, there were many books other than those on grammar and rhetoric, published by the B. V. Book Depot, the second list contained practically no book other than books on grammar and rhetoric published by the B. V. Book Depot;

(*f*) whether it is a fact that according to the second list many books belonging to or published by Mr. Thomas Paul were prescribed while the first list contained much less;

(*g*) whether Mr. Thomas Paul had visited the Dewan at Ponmudi before the latter sent urgent orders staying the publication of the list of text-books; and

(*h*) whether Mr. Thomas Paul is not at present the Managing Proprietor of the *Western Star*?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes; but that is always subject to any action the Government may see fit to take at any stage and in any direction. After 1923, the list was not being sent to the Government, except when called for.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) to (*f*) Consultations between the head of the administration and officers are confidential in character and cannot be made public.

(*g*) The Government are not prepared to say who visit the Dewan, when and for what purposes.

(*h*) The member can ascertain for himself.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): With reference to the answer "except when called for" in part (*a*), will the member be pleased to say whether any other Dewan has called for the list after 1923?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I must look into the papers before answering that question.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Part (*e*) of the question has not been answered.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It is included in the answer to parts (*c*) to (*f*).

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): The answer says that the consultation between the head of the administration and officers are confidential in character and cannot be made public. My question was with regard to the original list and the second list.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The answer does not mention the original list or the final list. It is the final list that is published.

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MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): May I know why they do not wish to publish the original list?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): As it forms a part of the consultation with an officer of Government, they do not wish to publish it.

Dr. Raman Tampi's Claims for the Darbar Physicianship.

146. **MR. M. N. PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to state why the post of Darbar Physician is still kept vacant and the cause of the delay in making permanent arrangements?

(2) Will they be pleased to state why Dr. K. Raman Tampi's claims were overlooked and Mrs. Poonen Lukose was put in charge of the duties of the Darbar Physician?

(3) Is it not a fact that Dr. Raman Tampi is senior in service and pay to Mrs. Poonen Lukose?

(4) If so, will they be pleased to appoint Dr. K. Raman Tampi as the permanent Darbar Physician?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (1), (2), (3) and (4) The questions do not arise now in view of the fact that the Medical Department is experimentally placed under an Administrative Board, and the post of the Darbar Physician is kept unfilled.

Registry of Land in the Quilon Cantonment.

147. **MR. M. N. PILLAI** (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether a plot of ground in the Quilon cantonment was applied for by Mr. Kunjuraman Vaidyan for the purpose of extending his Ayurvedic institutions and by the Bishop of Quilon for safeguarding the right of way to his compound;

(*b*) (i) whether Dewan Mr. T. Raghaviah inspected the place himself;

(ii) whether, as a result of his inspection, he directed the registry of the land, leaving sufficient space for a road, to Mr. Kunjuraman Vaidyan;

(iii) whether Mr. R. Krishna Pillai who officiated as Dewan ordered the registry accordingly in the name of Mr. Kunjuraman Vaidyan;

(iv) whether the order was not communicated to the taluk office; and

(*c*) (i) whether Mr. M. E. Watts, soon after his arrival, passed orders for keeping the order of registry in favour of Mr. Kunjuraman Vaidyan in abeyance;

(ii) if so, why it was done; and

(iii) whether he subsequently ordered the land to be assigned by auction?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) (i) Yes.

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